

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 12-16 are pending, with claims 12, 15, and 16 being independent.

II. Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 15-16 have been rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type non-statutory double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,455,551 B1. Office Action dated February 14, 2005, at 2.

Without acquiescing to the double patenting rejection, and solely for the purpose of advancing prosecution, Applicants file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over the '551 patent. Since a timely filed terminal disclaimer overcomes a non-statutory double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be removed.

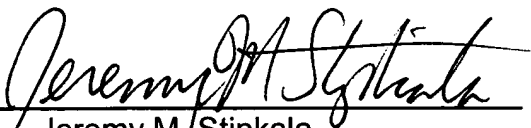
CONCLUSION

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Attachment: Terminal Disclaimer